Preface

This manual provides information on the structure and operations of the support battalion of the separate brigades and the armored cavalry regiment support squadron. It is directed toward the commanders and staffs of the support battalions/squadrons organized and operating under L-edition TOEs. It is also designed to be used by commanders of the support battalion/squadrons' subordinate companies/troops.

The manual outlines the functions and operations of each section within the support battalion and how the support battalion commander and staff integrate their activities. This includes both the logistics and health service support mission and the tactical responsibilities. The manual describes the many coordination links the support battalion maintains with supported and supporting units.

The separate brigades included in this manual are the heavy separate brigades and separate infantry brigades/theater defense brigades. The armored cavalry regiment is also included. Functionally, the support battalions of the HSBs and the support battalion of the SIB/TDB are similar. However, major functional and doctrinal differences between these separate brigades logistics and HSS operations and the ACR are pointed out in the text.

This manual is based on doctrine in FMs 1-114, 1-116, 7-30, 17-95, 71-3, 100-5, 100-10, and 100-15. FMs 1-114 and 1-116 provide detailed information on the regimental aviation squadron and regimental operations and support requirements. FM 7-30 provides the doctrine for the infantry brigade to use in combat. FM 17-95 describes how the cavalry operates. FM 71-3 is the doctrinal publication on armored and mechanized infantry brigade operations. It provides information vital to the support battalion commander's understanding of the units he supports. FM 100-5 outlines how the Army operates. FM 100-10 provides an overview of the CSS system for supporting the Army in the field. FM 100-15 discusses operations at the corps level.

Unless otherwise specified, the term "separate brigade" is interchangeable with the term "regiment." The term "support battalion" is interchangeable with the term "support squadron." The term "company" is interchangeable with the term "troop." Also the term "battalion" is interchangeable with the term "squadron."

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